



Conference Invitation

Phil Twyford MP & Nicky Wagner MP

warmly invite you to:

*The National Centre for Peace and
Conflict Studies'*

**'Peace Building and the Future of
New Zealand Foreign Policy'**

The colloquium will explore what New Zealand's role in peace building might look like in the 21st century and what steps would be needed to develop such a capability. It will be broad in scope to include discussion on arms control and disarmament, extended peace-keeping, peace-making, post-conflict state-building, and conflict prevention. The colloquium will be **chaired** by **Professor Kevin P Clements**, Foundation Chair and Director, National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago.



The keynote speaker is HE Maj Britt Theorin:

Karin Maj Britt Margareta Theorin (commonly known as Maj Britt Theorin), is a Swedish social democratic politician. She served as President of the International Peace Bureau from 1992 to 2000, and as a Swedish Member of the European Parliament from 1999 to 2004. Additionally she has served as Swedish Ambassador for Disarmament. Theorin has been a life long advocate for the non violent resolution of conflict and is interested in exploring what positive peace-building roles countries such as Sweden and New Zealand might play in the world. She has also been a fervent advocate for the role of women in preventive diplomacy, peace-building and peace-keeping.

Panellists include:

John Hayes is a National Party MP, Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence, and Trade Select Committee. He is a former High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea, and Ambassador to Pakistan and Iran. John gained prominence contributing to the successful resolution of the Bougainville conflict, over a period of ten years. He was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in recognition of that work.

David Shearer is a Labour Party MP. He is a former deputy head of the UN Mission in Iraq, former UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Lebanon, Jerusalem, Africa, and the Balkans, and former Head of the Save the Children Fund. In 1993, David was awarded an M.B.E., and named New Zealander of the Year by the NZ Herald, for his humanitarian work in Somalia.

Dr Isak Svensson, is an Associate Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Uppsala and Post Doctoral Fellow at the National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Otago. He specialises in the mediation of international and intranational conflicts. His work also focuses on religion and conflict.

Dr Beth Greener is a Senior Lecturer at Massey University. Her research is orientated towards international security. She has published works on counter-terrorism and transnational crime issues, security in the Pacific, peace-building, and the rise of police as international security actors. She is currently working in a project looking at peace-building in the South Pacific.

Dr Andrew Ladley is former a Senior Expert Mediator in the United Nations Standby Team. Prior to this he was Director of the School of Government's Institute of Policy Studies. Additionally, he has served with the UN in Cambodia, East Timor, and Jamaica, worked for the Commonwealth in South Africa and Gambia, and assisted Amnesty International in Bosnia and Herzegovina. His current research focuses on conflict resolution, peace building and restorative studies. For his work in East Timor, Andrew was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit, and he also received the inaugural Peace Builders Award of the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO in 2000.

The conference will be held on 15 November 2010 at the Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament Buildings, Wellington. It will commence at 9.30am and finish at approximately 2.30pm. Lunch will be provided.

The morning plenary address will be followed by panel discussions and small group discussions reviewing New Zealand's track record in disarmament, mediation and preventive diplomacy and mapping out possibilities for the future. Please RSVP (attendances only) by **1 November 2010** to peaceandconflict@otago.ac.nz

Kind regards,

Professor Kevin Clements